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TO AMEMBASSY COLOMBO IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY MAPUTO IMMEDIATE

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EYES ONLY FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MZ, RH

SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH MACHEL

REF: MAPUTO 0917 (NOT RPTD COLOMBO)

1. YOU SHOULD PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO  
PRESIDENT MACHEL OF MOZAMBIQUE:

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I HAVE RECEIVED AMBASSADOR  
DEPREE'S REPORT OF YOUR CONVERSATION WITH HIM OF AUGUST 14  
ABOUT RHODESIAN RAIDS INTO MOZAMBIQUE. I WANT TO ASSURE  
YOU THAT MY GOVERNMENT IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED BY THE TRAGIC  
EVENTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE ON YOUR BORDERS.

IN MY VIEW THE MOST CERTAIN WAY TO BRING AN END TO THE  
ARMED INCURSIONS YOUR COUNTRY HAS SUFFERED IS TO ACCELERATE  
AND COMPLETE THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS FOR MAJORITY RULE IN

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AN INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE. I AM GREATLY HEARTENED BY YOUR

ENCOURAGEMENT OF OUR EFFORTS TO HELP ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL  
RESOLUTION OF THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.  
BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATIONS WE HAVE HAD TO  
DATE, I AM REASSURED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR POLICY AND AM  
HOPEFUL THAT OUR EFFORTS CAN LEAD TO A SUCCESSFUL CON-  
CLUSION - A CONCLUSION THAT WILL BRING PEACE TO THE  
REGION AND CREATE CONDITIONS OF SECURITY FOR YOUR NATION  
AND PEOPLE.

YOU MAY REST ASSURED, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT YOUR VIEWS AND  
CONCERNS ARE VERY MUCH IN OUR THINKING AS WE PURSUE OUR  
EFFORTS. MOZAMBIQUE HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN THE  
FUTURE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND A FAVORABLE OUTCOME WILL  
REQUIRE THE COOPERATION OF ALL THOSE CONCERNED.

WE WILL BE PURSUING VIGOROUSLY THE COURSE ON WHICH WE  
ARE EMBARKED BECAUSE WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THERE MUST BE  
RAPID MOVEMENT TO PREVENT FURTHER BLOODSHED, DESTRUCTION  
AND HARDSHIP. YOUR SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION WILL HELP  
ENSURE SUCCESS.

I WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER THOUGHTS YOU MAY HAVE. AS  
YOU MAY KNOW I AM SENDING UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS  
AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAFUELE TO AFRICA NEXT WEEK TO  
RENEW OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH PRESIDENTS KAUNDA AND  
NYERERE. IF YOU THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL THEY COULD ALSO  
GO TO MAPUTO FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH YOU.  
SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

3. YOU SHOULD TRY TO ELICIT AT LEAST PRELIMINARY RESPONSE  
TO SUGGESTION THAT ROGERS AND SCHAUELE VISIT MAPUTO BUT  
YOU SHOULD NOT PUSH THE MATTER. KISSINGER

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